resolution was forwarded to the University Grants Commission and other Universities. So far 15 Universities have replied and out of these only the Bhagalpur University is considering to include some papers on archives administration in M.A. History course. The Universities of Saurashtra, Berhampur and South Gujarat have shown willingness to start the course, provided financial assistance was given by the University Grants Commission. Sardar Patel University has expressed its agreement in principle with the above resolution.

In view of the above, it is desirable that more time be allowed to these or any other University to take action on this recommendation. Attention is also invited to Resolution No.2 below, submitted by Dr. Jata Shankar Jha.

(2) Resolution by Dr. Jata Shankar Jha

"That provision for some extra-mural lectures on archival subjects be arranged in Universities, and for trainees for Civil Services of the State Governments for the wider dissemination of archival knowledge in the country."

Explanatory note:

To arrange such lectures is not very difficult. We have senior University teachers in various archival committees of the Government of India and Regional Records Survey Committees of the States. If these teacher-members take upon themselves to arrange a few such lectures even for the students of history only, it will really be a big achievement. These students at a very early and formative period of their lives would become conscious of the importance of archives, and later in life, placed in whatever station, would help in

preserving historical records. Likewise if some such lectures are given to the trainees for State Civil Service, they would not only be acquainted with the importance of archives in administration but help us a lot in getting access to private archives owing to their official influence and prestige in mufassil areas.

Standing Committee's views:

The proposal for delivering of extra-mural lectures to the University students is most welcome. As regards the lectures to the probationer officers, the officials of the National Archives of India are already being called to deliver lectures to the I.A.S. and other Central Services Probationers. The same arrangement can be followed in the States for Probationer Officers of the State Cadres and lectures on the administration and preservation of archives could be delivered by the State Directors of Archives.

The extra-mural lectures would not become redundant, of course, even in Universities which implement the proposed Resolution (No.1 above) by the U.P. Government, and include the principles of archives-keeping and the methodology of historical research among the topics covered in their M.A. History course.

B. Award of Research Degree for Textual Editing of Documents

(3) Resolution by Prof. R. Sheik Ali and Dr. S.V. Desika Char

"The Indian Historical Records Commission recommends to the University Grants Commission and the Universities in India that editing of record collections and historical